



## IFC Results for Fiscal Year 2012-13

- Community House provided 17,196 nights of safe shelter for 373 men
- HomeStart provided 13,424 nights of safe shelter to 202 women and 83 children
- 84,645 hot, nutritious meals were served at the Community Kitchen and HomeStart
- 356 residents received free health care and 158 residents received free mental health care
- 493 prescriptions were dispensed at the free clinic
- Food Pantry distributed 16,828 bags of groceries
- Holiday meals were provided to 867 households which included 2,525 people
- Over 4,600 local households are now eligible to receive monthly grocery allotments
- 6,049 client interviews were conducted for assistance with food, rent, utilities, clothing, IDs & referrals
- Crisis Unit distributed \$203,379 to 968 households to prevent homelessness
- In-kind donations valued at \$2,505,536 were contributed, including 40,197 volunteer hours
- 85% of IFC's budget went towards program expenses according to our recent audit

## Letter from Executive Director John Dorward

What a year we have had here at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service! Not only did we have the usual work of running six major programs that impact the lives of several thousand of our neighbors, but we were also running a capital campaign.

The number of people we served last year stayed steady or rose in almost every category. That was harder to do than normal because of the extreme weather this past winter. I am extremely proud of our staff who made sure none of our programs closed, no one went hungry and no one seeking shelter had nowhere to go. On many occasions, that meant ferrying staff around in four-wheel drive vehicles.

By now, I hope you have heard that we successfully finished the capital campaign for the new Community House. The leadership team, led by co-chairs Kevin Foy and Gordon Merklein, did an exceptional job raising the entire \$5.76M goal. We received our only \$1M gift from the State Employees Credit Union Foundation and we are now building the Inter-Faith Council @ SECU Community House. The gift that put us over the top was a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. This was a competitive program and our team did a great job of getting us ranked high

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## About the IFC

In 1963, a group of seven local women united their volunteer efforts to address the conditions of poverty in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The Inter-Faith Council was created, “to discover unmet needs and to respond through the coordinated efforts of volunteers.”

### IFC Services:

#### COMMUNITY HOUSE:

Offers 24-hour emergency shelter for men.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Delivers services—including information, referrals, food pantry and financial support—to households and individuals.

#### FOODFIRST:

**Community Kitchen:** Offers three hot and nutritious meals per day, 365 days a year, free of charge to Community House residents and other community members.

**Food Pantry:** Supplies groceries to households.

#### HOMESTART:

Offers housing for homeless women and children.

#### HEALTH SERVICES:

Robert Nixon Free Clinic for the Homeless provides medical and mental health services to guests at Community House and HomeStart.

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## CLIENT FOCUS

### Elijah Davis



IFC client Elijah Davis says that IFC has turned his life around, a gift that he wants to pay forward to others.

Each morning, you can find Elijah Davis sitting on the deck of his apartment, drinking coffee, watching the sun rise, and thanking God for giving him another day. He is grateful for the comforts of home after experiencing homelessness some years back after he “lost everything” in a divorce.

“I went through a season of depression which got the best of me until I went to the VA and sought counseling,” says the Army veteran who served for six years, achieving the rank of platoon sergeant. “My counselor and family members inspired me that I have a lot to offer the world and I

turned my life around.”

Davis says that he joined Love Chapel Hill Church and returned to school at Durham Tech where he is studying for an associate’s degree in auto technology and business administration. “During this period of time, I stayed at the (IFC’s Community House) shelter where I networked and met people who I could work with,” says Davis. “I was also able to save money.” A housing voucher from the VA enabled Davis to live on his own. “Having my own place gave me responsibilities and independence again,” he says. “By having a place, it inspired me to go further. When you feel good, you do good. And when you do good, you do better.”

IFC helped Davis obtain his ID, birth certificate, and social security card so that he could attend school. “I also really appreciate that IFC has helped me with food, money for bus tickets (so I can get to school), and vouchers for clothes,” says Davis. “Those things really help.”

Davis is working hard to transform his life. “I’m a licensed barber and plan to open my own shop this year, at 52 years of age, that I’m going to call

Notorious Cuts,” he says. He also works moving houses and doing landscaping. “I consider myself a pillar of the community and I want to give back,” says Davis. “I would like to help young males that don’t have a direction in life. You have to follow through and have faith. People see that I’m striving and see the difference.”

Davis says that his short-term goal is to have his own business and do his ministry, giving back to the community. “My long-term goal is to have two or three barbershops, my associate’s degree, buy me a home and enjoy life,” he says.

“When I felt like I was nothing or nobody, IFC helped me to become more focused on who I am,” says Davis. “Now I know my name is Elijah Davis and I am somebody. I feel like people care and that I can accomplish any goals.”

### New Ways to Give

Go to [ifcweb.org](http://ifcweb.org) to check out the many easy ways you can give to IFC, including via PayPal and texting!



**IFC GIFT CARDS** make the perfect gift for any occasion. Please consider making a gift to IFC in honor or memory of your friends and relatives. IFC will send a beautiful card notifying them of your thoughtful gift.

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# UNsung HEROES

## Volunteer Spotlight



The Furniture Project founders Jane Hathaway (2nd from left) and Jeff Hathaway (far right) are joined by IFC client Omar (center) and volunteers Jeff Foarde and Nick Lemmon.

### Jane and Jeff Hathaway

SUPPORTING IFC IS ALL IN the family for Jane and Jeff Hathaway who created The Furniture Project in May 2012. The project collects gently used furniture, provides tax donation forms, then delivers furniture to local families in need who have been referred by various community agencies, including IFC. “When people leave the shelter, they get to an apartment but can’t afford furniture once they pay the first and last month’s rent,” says Jane. “The Furniture Project helps people who don’t have the money to buy the basics.”

Jane and Jeff have instilled the value of caring for others in their five children who have passed it to their own children. The vehicle used to deliver furniture, affectionately known as “The Miracle Truck,” was donated to them by their daughter Becky Baggett. And two of their granddaughters hold a yearly lemonade stand whose profits this year went to IFC.

“Many of the people we assist work at the hospitals, university and local businesses,” says Jane. “This is our way of helping to keep them in our community as they are a vital part of the area’s work force. We want the community to realize how

important these marginalized people are.”

Jeff and Jane have been IFC volunteers for about 15 years in a number of roles including crisis intervention interviewer, coordinator of Community House volunteers from their congregation, St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, advisory board member for support circles, and liaison to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church support circle team.

Now that Jeff is retired from a career at IBM and Jane from selling real estate, they spend their days collecting and delivering furniture. Depending on the client’s need, The Furniture Project can supply anything from a kitchen table to furniture for an entire apartment.

“We have received furniture donations from over 700 donors since May 2012,” says Jane. “Permanent residences have been partly or fully furnished for over 280 families and individuals.”

The project, which is under the umbrella of St. Thomas More, has 15 congregations and four businesses as sponsors. They are searching for free storage and warehouse space to store donations. If you can help, please contact Jane at 919-612-2759 or [jhathaway1@nc.rr.com](mailto:jhathaway1@nc.rr.com).



## HELP WANTED!

Caring, responsible individuals wanted to serve as IFC volunteers.

**HOURS:** As few as three hours a week.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Varied—answer telephones, do data entry and administrative tasks, help residential staff and residents, cook meals, collect food, interview clients; there is something that can suit your talents and interests.

**SKILLS:** Care, commitment and a desire to learn.

**COMPENSATION:** Feeling good and knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of others.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT** (919) 929-6380 ext. 30 [volunteer@ifcmailbox.org](mailto:volunteer@ifcmailbox.org) or attend an IFC Volunteer Orientation.

### ORIENTATIONS START AT 7 P.M. AND ARE SCHEDULED FOR

- November 11, 2014
- January 13, 2015
- March 10, 2015
- May 12, 2015

### IFC PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

Help us help others by including these essential food items on your next shopping trip.

- ★ Canned meats/tuna
- ★ Canned vegetables
- ★ Pasta and pasta sauce
- ★ Soup
- ★ Canned or Dried Beans (pinto and black most requested)
- ★ Canned fruit
- ★ Rice
- ★ Peanut Butter
- ★ Cereal
- ★ Grits
- ★ Any personal care items
- ★ Paper bags with handles

These are staple items that we aim to keep in stock at all times, but other donations are welcome.

### PLEASE DELIVER ALL IFC PANTRY FOOD DONATIONS TO:

IFC’s Food Pantry  
110 W. Main Street, Carrboro  
919-929-6380 ext. 41

HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### IFC COMMUNITY HOUSE SHOPPING LIST

- ★ Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, any other non-perishable tomato products
- ★ sugar
- ★ olive oil
- ★ spices (of any kind)
- ★ butter
- ★ milk
- ★ Men’s trousers, mostly large sizes
- ★ Men’s socks, all sizes (new - medium and large sizes)
- ★ Men’s briefs or boxers (must be new, sizes M, L, XL)

### HOMESTART SHOPPING LIST

- ★ Women’s underwear (must be new, sizes S-XL)
- ★ Children’s underwear (2T up to junior large)

### DROP COMMUNITY HOUSE AND HOMESTART DONATIONS AT:

100 W. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill  
919-967-0643





# IFC EVENTS

## IFC Events Calendar

SAVE THE DATE!

- ★ IFC Annual Meeting and Potluck  
Thursday, October 23, 2014
- ★ INDY Week Give!Guide Kick Off Party  
Sunday, November 9, 2014
- ★ RSVVP (Dine out and Fight Hunger!)  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
- ★ The Post-Turkey Day Jam Benefit Concert  
Saturday, November 29, 2014
- ★ New Year's Eve Concert  
Wednesday, December 31, 2014
- ★ 28th Annual CROP Hunger Walk  
Sunday, April 19, 2015

## Please Join Us for the IFC Annual Meeting

We will again hold IFC's annual meeting and potluck at the United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, so you can see the progress being made on the new IFC @ SECU Community House. The business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 23** in the sanctuary and then adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for finger food and a visit immediately following. Please come hungry and bring some type of finger food to share.



## RSVVP Day is Almost Here – Are You Hungry Yet?

The 26<sup>th</sup> RSVVP Day is coming to Chapel Hill and Carrboro on **Tuesday, November 11**. On that day, participating restaurants will donate 10 percent of revenues to IFC's Community Kitchen and Food Pantry. Please eat out early and often as every meal counts throughout the day. Look for the colorful RSVVP Day poster in the window of participating restaurants or go to [ifcweb.org](http://ifcweb.org) for a list that is updated daily.

With over 100 local restaurants participating in RSVVP Day 2013, we raised almost \$21,000 to support our food programs which provided 84,000 meals and almost 17,000 bags of groceries last year. Mark your calendar to eat out on November 11 so we can raise even more money this year!

## The Post-Turkey Day Jam Benefit Concert

Same great event, new location! Singer/songwriter Jon Shain is bringing together some of the area's best musicians at The Cary Theater, 122 E. Chatham St, Cary on **Saturday, November 29** at 8 p.m. for a concert which will benefit the IFC. As this newsletter goes to press, the lineup includes Jon Shain Trio, Swang Brothers, Lynn Blakey, Jeff Hart, and Shelby Merchant, with more to come. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show. For more information, go to [ifcweb.org/events](http://ifcweb.org/events).

## New Year's Eve Concert

"The Road Home Band" will offer a New Year's Eve Concert at United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, on **Wednesday, December 31** at 7 p.m. It's an early start so that attendees can make other celebratory plans for later in the evening if they wish. Concert goers are asked to make an offering which will be donated to IFC.

"Covering titles by artists such as Carrie Newcomer, David Wilcox, Alison Krauss, Bob Dylan, Nickel Creek and others, this ambitious four-piece band has emerged with a sound all its own – a mix of vocals, mandolin, guitar, bass and drums that is nothing less than acoustic music at its best: at once soulful and earnest, yet full of encouragement and gentle humor."

For more information, call the church at (919) 942-3540.



CROP Hunger Walk co-chairs Aaron and Sonja Nelson supported the effort along with their children.

## CROP Hunger Walk

Mark your calendar for the next Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk, **Sunday, April 19, 2015**. Join with new and old friends to walk to raise awareness about hunger and poverty and raise money for food programs both locally and internationally.

For more info, [ifcweb.org/events/crop-walk](http://ifcweb.org/events/crop-walk).

## Meet the Board – in their own words

### Joe Liegl, Community Volunteer, Retired Tax Counsel for McKinsey & Company



MY WIFE AND I MOVED TO THE AREA four years ago from New York City; I retired last year. I am committed to giving the kind of

focus to service to others that I didn't have the chance to do during what I call my paycheck career. I am now developing a second career as a community volunteer. IFC provides an enormous and very important set of services to members of the local community that is really constructive and meaningful to get behind. I joined the IFC board to contribute to this end. I'm also working three days a week at Legal Aid of North Carolina, providing legal services as a volunteer, and tutoring at the Emily K Center and the Learning Trail.

## Holidays Are for Sharing



Last year, the IFC provided a complete holiday meal to 867 families in Chapel Hill/Carrboro who might otherwise have not had one. Because of the generosity of our holiday meal donors, we were able to supply turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and holiday meals in December.

Please consider sharing a holiday meal this year. Only \$25 helps us provide a complete holiday meal with all the trimmings to an entire family.

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## Meet the Board – in their own words

### Jock Morris, Facilities Services Coordinator, UNC Horizons Women's Substance Abuse Program



IFC IS A GREAT SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE who are going through struggles. Whether it is something financial or

medical, hunger or homelessness, we are here to help our community strive. Women and children being homeless is a problem that we as a community should work hard to stamp out; every child and mother should have a home of their own. I became involved with the IFC because I have been in the same position as some of the people we serve. I just wanted to do more for my community.

### Stuart Mabie, Senior Customer Operations Director, Quintiles

I SEE MY ROLE ON THE IFC board as supporting, evaluating and raising the visibility of the organization



from the perspective of a volunteer, community member and employee of a local company. I joined the board because I wanted to have more impact and involvement in the community through an organization I support and believe in, one which provides social services to a population with varying needs through food, housing and medical care. As a board member, I bring work experience in both public and private companies, and as a volunteer in IFC's Community Kitchen.

## Meet the Staff

### Elizabeth Waugh-Duford, MSW Residential Services Director



ELIZABETH WAUGH-DUFORD'S COMMITMENT to social justice runs deep. With a social worker mom who instilled in her a passion for caring

for others, Elizabeth grew up in Chapel Hill knowing that she had privileges that many others lack. She and her husband are now committed to raising their four children as thoughtful citizens of the world.

One of the ways that Elizabeth puts her values to work is in her job as IFC's residential services director, which she began in July. "I oversee the day-to-day operations, supervise the staff and help set the programming of both Community House and HomeStart," she says. "I'm involved in developing programming for the new Community House as we shift from an emergency shelter to a transitional shelter." She is also actively working on having Community House be a good neighbor and getting ready to create community conversations about how the new shelter functions.

Her new job is a return to the IFC where she ran a program called "Family Connections" in the late 1990s after graduating from Williams College with a degree in history and women's studies. She went on to get her MSW at UNC's School of Social Work and then worked in local community organizations including the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.

A big Tarheel fan, Elizabeth loves to hike, be outdoors, read and sing.

### Gwynne Pomeroy, MA Case Manager, HomeStart



AS A CASE MANAGER AT HomeStart, IFC's facility for women and children, Gwynne Pomeroy says she works with good people, both staff and clients. When she

started the job in May, she knew what to expect since she had worked for four years at IFC as a client services representative starting in 2009, when the younger of her two children was getting ready to leave for college.

"I originally came to the IFC through my Chapel Hill Quaker Meeting," says Gwynne. "I love what the IFC stands for, what it does and how nonjudgmental everyone is in trying to help people from where they are." With a master's degree in counseling, she is well-equipped to get to know the women at HomeStart and help connect them with community resources. "My job is to facilitate our clients' success," she says. "These women are homeless for many complicated reasons but sometimes it's just from a string of bad luck that any of us could have had. Any help they can get to get back on their feet and get housing has an impact."

In addition to working at IFC, Gwynne has a private business in career counseling which she began three years ago. She also enjoys photography and the outdoors, where she loves to hike, kayak, walk, and camp.

### Christine Donovan, MA Client Service Representative



WHILE CHRISTINE DONOVAN GRADUATED from UNC, her return to Chapel Hill and her current job at the IFC came after sojourns throughout the world. Equipped with

a double major in international relations and Spanish, she set off for Chile and Argentina where she lived for two years, teaching English and then working as an assistant mountain guide. After a job as an analyst for the Consulate General of Mexico, she returned to school and received a master's degree in human rights and democratization in a program funded by the European Union in Italy and Denmark.

"This job is perfect," Christine says about the client services representative position she began in April. "I wanted to work in community development and be able to do something for someone at that moment that would help them rather than have someone read my report and change some policy down the road." She says that she enjoys the interpersonal interactions in her job. "Whether it is with clients, volunteers or my coworkers, at IFC there is a lot of human connection happening that's based in dignity and respect which I like."

When she's not at work, Christine enjoys making artwork, helping on the organic farm managed by her boyfriend, rock climbing, hiking, and spending time with her family.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## Thank You!

While we don't have enough space to thank everyone here, we like to recognize some of our incredible supporters in each issue of the newsletter. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who gives to IFC including:

- ★ The members of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro National Association of Letter Carriers, who collected food from folks around town and brought us some 700 bags of food for the Food Pantry. That food restocked the shelves just before we got into the summer season, our slowest period for food donations.
- ★ The Women's Voices Chorus which held a wonderful summer concert at the United Church of Chapel Hill in support of the IFC @ SECU

Community House. The event raised enough money to purchase four sets of bunk beds which will enable eight more men to get off of mats on the floor.

- ★ Chapel of the Cross for sharing one-third of the proceeds from its annual ABC Sale to support the new Community House. By the look of the check, we have a lot of extra stuff in our attics that our neighbors believe to be treasure.
- ★ The great people at the Giving Goals Foundation who provided funds for a basketball goal at the new IFC @ SECU Community House.
- ★ Those of you who thought of us on special occasions when a gift card was the perfect gift. Gift cards are the simplest of gifts: you give us a name,

an address and the type of occasion, and we send a card notifying the recipient of your thoughtfulness. There is no minimum or maximum amount.

- ★ The growing number of IFC donors who give on a monthly basis through online sites, your bank, PayPal, or through the mail. It certainly makes life easier for us when we know that money is coming in each month. While our income fluctuates monthly, I'm afraid that our expenses do not.
- ★ Everyone who gives to us through the United Way and the State Employees Combined Campaign. We appreciate all of you who make sure we are included in your employer's matching gift program.

*John Dorward*

## The Stewards Fund Comes Through Again — Please Help

As The Stewards Fund slowly winds down its operations, the fund's trustees have offered the IFC another matching gift challenge. This all-or-nothing grant for \$97,500 for operations is essential to the success of IFC's annual fundraising. The matching program runs from October 1 through December 31, 2014. Increased gifts from active donors, new donor gifts, and gifts from lapsed donors (no gift during the previous 18 months) count toward the match. Please give generously to help us meet this challenge!

*John Dorward*

## INDY Week's Give!Guide 2014

HERE'S ANOTHER GREAT WAY to help the IFC and other community

agencies! The IFC—along with the other 36 nonprofits selected by *INDY Week* for its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Give!Guide—will be highlighted in the weekly's 2014 Give!Guide issue. The campaign will run from November 9 – December 31. It's easy to donate by going to [give.indyweek.com](http://give.indyweek.com) after November 9.

One of the goals of the Guide is to encourage younger readers to get in the habit of giving annually to local non-profits. There is a cash award for the agency that signs up the most new donors age 35 and under. No matter your age, there are still plenty of great participation incentives, both



from *INDY Week* and the IFC. Just a few: each IFC donor will receive a 10% discount coupon from Chapel Hill Sportswear; Shared Visions Foundation will match up to \$1,000 in donations; and The Stewards Fund will match new, increased or lapsed (no gift in the past 18 months) gifts up to a total of \$97,500.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro agencies selected along with us—The ArtsCenter, Compass Center for Women & Families, El Futuro, and Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill—are banding together to ask that you give locally this year. On Twitter, look for the tag #givelocal to learn more about the local agencies and @INDYGiveGuide for info about the campaign.

*John Dorward*

## Groundbreaking for the new IFC @ SECU Community House



Golden shovels, moving speeches, generous donations—the May 5 groundbreaking for our new men's transitional housing facility had it all. Our appreciation to everyone who helped make this landmark day possible.



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT



At the groundbreaking for the new IFC @ SECU Community House, McKinley Wooten, chair of the SECU Foundation (right), presented a \$1 million check to John Dorward, IFC executive director.

## Donor Profile— SECU Foundation

THE MOTTO OF THE State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) is "People Helping People." And thanks to the \$1 million grant from SECU to support the construction of the new Inter-Faith Council @ SECU

Community House, many people in our community will be helped. "Our foundation has four general areas we try to fund: housing; education; health care; and human services," says McKinley Wooten, chair of the

SECU Foundation. "What is so exciting with this project is that all of those wraparound services are being made available in one place for the citizens of Orange County."

Bernadine Cobb, vice president and city officer for SECU, says that as the second largest credit union in the nation, SECU is committed to being a partner to those in need. The list of community organizations supported by SECU is long and notable, including SECU Family Houses which provide affordable housing for family members of hospital patients at medical centers throughout North Carolina, including at UNC.

"What we like to see with the projects we fund is that they can be replicated throughout the state,"

says Cobb. "We would love to see other communities come together like Chapel Hill has to address homelessness."

"We have almost two million members in North Carolina who are state employees, teachers and their family members," says Wooten. "These employees and their families give back to their communities in their own way through being public servants or teaching. The foundation helps ensure that a \$1 donation made once a month by every member can have a collective impact. We can then fund big projects like (the new Community House) so that together, our members make a huge difference."



## CONGREGATION CORNER

*Congregations are the foundation of the IFC. In each issue of the IFC News, we feature one of our member congregations.*



Some of the Chapel of the Cross congregants involved with the IFC gathered in front of the church to show their support of the agency.

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1842, Chapel of the Cross has been at the center of Chapel Hill. Located on Franklin Street adjacent to UNC, the church's campus ministry is a large part of its calling. At the same time, the church reaches deep into the community. "Social outreach has always been a strong factor in this parish," says the Rev. Stephen Elkins-Williams, Rector of the church. "There is a history of this parish having a strong social conscience which is something I certainly inherited. The whole

notion that we don't exist for ourselves, we exist to serve God and to serve others is strong in the DNA of this church."

Chapel of the Cross's outreach ministry committee and global mission committee oversee the church's financial contributions to a wide range of causes as well as advocate for individuals. Just a few among those supported are prisoners, Habitat for Humanity, and IFC. Three teams from the church cook meals at IFC's Community Kitchen and church volunteers are involved with the

agency in myriad ways including as receptionists, crisis interviewers, and participants in CROP Hunger Walk and Project 5000.

In addition, the congregation is a consistent and generous financial supporter of IFC. Even though the capital campaign for the IFC's new Community House coincided with a capital campaign for the church, the Rev. Elkins-Williams says that the congregation was committed to supporting IFC.

"We wanted to participate at a time when we needed every spare dollar to make sure we could go ahead with this new building," he says. "One of the ways we figured out to support Community House as strongly as we could was to commit at least a third of the proceeds from our ABC sale to IFC. We have the strong intention to do this for three years."

"We became members of Chapel of the Cross because we found it very welcoming and their priorities aligned with my personal views,"

says Ann Chelminski, a member of the outreach ministry committee and congregation's liaison to the IFC. "It means a lot that outreach is a part of the church budget every year and that they have that fiscal commitment."

The church's commitment to IFC dates to the founding of the agency. The group of women who helped create IFC included Chapel of the Cross parishioners. In fact, when the churchwomen spoke to the monthly gathering of local clergy about community needs, the meeting was at Chapel of the Cross.



## BUSINESS PROFILE



The Cat's Cradle, which has been an integral part of the Triangle music scene for 45 years, is committed to supporting community endeavors.

FOR THE PAST 45 YEARS, the Cat's Cradle has been bringing live music to our community. And for nearly 30 years, Frank Heath has owned the club, helping it grow from a smaller space on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to its current location at 300 E. Main Street in Carrboro where about 100,000 people each year discover new bands and listen to old favorites.

Heath's passion for music brings him to the majority of the nearly 400 shows he presents each year, both on the main stage of the club and in the more intimate Back Room, opened last October. In addition to the Carrboro venue gigs, the Cradle also promotes concerts at other venues throughout the Triangle including The Carolina Theatre of Durham and Raleigh's PNC Arena.

Over the years, Heath has experienced so many special music moments that it's hard for him to narrow them down to one favorite show. "One of my favorite artists was Warren Zevon," says Heath. "Having him on the Cradle stage was surreal." He says that it was "pretty amazing" to present artists such as Joan Baez and David Byrne. "When Public Enemy played in 1991, it was very iconic," he says. "They were the flag bearer for hip-hop at that time. We got a partial show in the middle of the afternoon which is still very legendary." Bands including Nirvana and Pearl Jam played the Cradle before they went on to become huge.

For all of its success, the Cradle remains committed to its community, hosting many benefit concerts each year. "It's just a way

to give something back to the community," says Heath. "I try to help the musicians who are interested in doing these nice things for other people. Being a business person, especially the business that we're in, affords the opportunity to support people who are trying to get out a message which some folks might not necessarily otherwise hear."

Benefit concerts are a great way for people to learn about an issue or organization while also seeing a band that they enjoy, says Heath. IFC has been among the beneficiaries of Cat's Cradle concerts as have local organizations including Be Loud! Sophie Foundation, Carrboro Elementary School, and WXYC, among many others.

Heath, who grew up in Chapel Hill, says that his mom, Eleanor, was an IFC volunteer for as long as he can remember. "My mom was a social worker who has always been involved in community-centric endeavors," he says. "I had some contact from way back with IFC from hearing about it with her."

"Having done this for as long as I have and seeing things come and go, I realize it takes a lot of effort and expertise and will to keep an organization like IFC going which they obviously have had," he says. "I'm appreciative of all that they do to help people on the front lines and glad to help."

### PlayMakers Tickets Available

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY and community spirit of UNC's PlayMakers Repertory Company, IFC staff, board, volunteers and clients are enjoying free tickets to each of the company's regular season plays. PlayMakers recognizes the value of the service organizations in the community by offering these tickets to a number of local nonprofit organizations.

If you are a volunteer who would like to be added to the ticket distribution email list, send your name, volunteer position and email address to [volunteer@ifcmailbox.org](mailto:volunteer@ifcmailbox.org).

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enough to receive a grant.

Many of you were able to join us for the official groundbreaking ceremony in early May. Over 300 people turned out at 8:00 a.m. on a lovely spring morning to help us get this building project off on the right foot. We had a great time and introduced Lend Lease, the firm we thought was going to build the structure. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the local Lend Lease office, the company had to withdraw from the project early on. We didn't miss a beat as our other qualified bidder, CT Wilson Construction from Durham, stepped in and took over. Charlie Wilson and his team have been wonderful to work with and we are happily getting ready to watch the building go up. If all goes well, we should be in the building next summer, as planned.

I am now into my second year of leading the IFC and I can truly say it is an honor to do so. I have had the opportunity to interact with many groups and individuals who care deeply about our organization and the people we serve. I draw a great deal of strength and energy from our hundreds of volunteers and from our extremely motivated and engaged board of directors. It is rewarding to work for an organization that does so much good in the community while getting so much support from the community.

I take this opportunity to ask for your monetary support so we can continue to offer these services. And if you can help us meet The Stewards Fund matching challenge (page 6), that would be great.

Thank you,

John W. Dorward

### IFC FRIENDS IN MEMORIAM

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